

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed please find replacement sheets for Figs. 1 and 2. Please add “Prior Art” to Figs. 1 and 2.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-5 remain pending in the present application. Applicant amended claims 2 and 4-5 to independent form incorporating all limitations of canceled base claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-5 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants amended claims 2 and 4-5 to independent form incorporating all of the limitations of base claim 1. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that claims 2 and 4-5, together with claim 3 dependent from claim 2, be allowed.

The Examiner objected to Figs. 1 and 2 in the drawings under MPEP § 608.02(g) for failing to designate that which is old as "Prior Art." Applicants attach proposed revisions to Figs. 1 and 2, as replacement sheets in marked-up form with the designation "Prior Art." Applicants respectfully request that the proposed revisions to Figs. 1 and 2 be accepted, and that the objection to the drawing be withdrawn. Applicants will submit formal drawings upon allowance of the present application.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to as exceeding 150 words in length. Applicant amended the abstract to limit the word count to less than 150 words, and respectfully requests that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,304,551 to Ramamurthy et al. Applicants have cancelled claim 1.

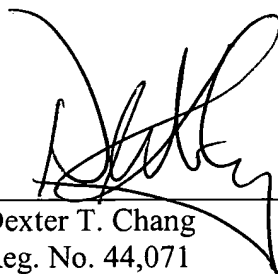
The Examiner has made of record, but not applied, several additional U.S. patents. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's implicit finding that these references, whether considered

alone or in combination with others, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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